

# Outline for USAID Progress/Activity Report

## I. Summary of Activity Status and Progress

### a. *Introductory paragraph.*

Since 1997, USAID has provided financial assistance to design an Evaluation Matrix that measures the National Protected Area's Network (SINANPE) management capacity and measures the extent to which the protected area conservation goals are being met. During the reporting period, this SINANPE Evaluation Matrix was applied to 15 selected protected areas using data gathered throughout 2000. The results obtained so far have been encouraging since they reflect an improved management capacity within this selected sample of protected areas. Training of the National Protected Areas Agency (INRENA) personnel is scheduled to take place over the next few weeks and all the necessary coordinations with the Authorities have been made. It is worth mentioning that although monitoring does not represent a priority for INRENA, particularly at this time of intense political changes, there has been tremendous good will to conclude the Evaluation Matrix, as well as all the other activities included within this project.

### b. *Highlights.*

- ◆ The SINANPE Evaluation Matrix that measures management effectiveness in 15 protected areas, using data gathered during 2000, was successfully completed, revised and approved at the beginning of July.
- ◆ Several work meetings were held during the reporting period with INRENA personnel and experts to design a preliminary framework for an Overall Effective Management Monitoring System.
- ◆ A training workshop program for INRENA staff has been designed, discussed and approved. A date for this workshop will be defined soon after the Toledo Administration takes office on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

### c. *Table of Activity Status*

Activity Number	Activity Title	Status*	Page number for more information
1	Update the Matrix	Completed	
2	Develop recommendations for institutional strengthening and provide technical assistance to INRENA's National Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau	Mixed performance	
3	Design a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation system to assess effective management of protected areas within SINANPE	Delayed	

Status may include activities that are completed, on-track, delayed, mixed performance, or cancelled.

## II. Detailed Description of Site Progress

For each site, please include the following information.

### a. *Key short and long-term program objectives for the site.*

1. To update the BIOFOR Matrix for Monitoring the Management of SINANPE with data from CY 2000, including data from at least each of the 15 protected areas included in the reports for CY 1996, 1998 and CY 1999, as well as data from other donor agencies, NGOs and other sources.
2. To incorporate matrix data into CDC's database and that of the World Conservation Monitoring Center (WCMC).

3. To initiate a process for the design of a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation system to assess the effective management of all protected areas within SINANPE (including components to assess effective management at the site and system levels, and the impact of protected area management on biodiversity conservation).
4. To develop recommendations for institutional strengthening and provide technical assistance in monitoring and evaluation to INRENA's National Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (DGANPFS).

**b. Summary of Progress for Site** (if this provides added value or clarity, otherwise skip this)  
A one-paragraph overview of general activity status and progress for the reporting period within the site, outlining the major accomplishments and management issues encountered.

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**c. Activity Description**

**i. Update the Matrix**

ii.

- The Evaluation Matrix using data from the year 2000 was updated. This document was developed by an external consultant (Pedro Vasquez) during June 2001 and was revised in a working group session by WWF-PPO, USAID-Peru Mission and INRENA at the beginning of July.
- The hired consultant successfully incorporated the Evaluation Matrix into both the *Centro de Datos para la Conservación* (CDC) and WCMC databases.

iii.

Benchmark Number	Benchmark/Output	Status*
1.1	Updated Matrix with data from year 2000	Completed
1.2	Matrix data incorporated into CDC and WCMC databases	Completed

iv.

No obstacles were encountered for this activity.

**i. Develop recommendations for institutional strengthening and provide technical assistance to INRENA's National Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (DGANPFS).**

ii.

- Recommendations for institutional strengthening and improved management capacity within INRENA's DGANPFS were developed and included in an updated version of the Evaluation Matrix report. These recommendations were made at the variables level (i.e.: in relation to site-based planning, personnel, etc) and for each site and in close coordination with WWF-PPO.
- Progress was also made in terms of organizing a monitoring training workshop for DGANPFS staff. The date proposed for the workshop is August 25<sup>th</sup>, however this will be confirmed soon after July 28<sup>th</sup> when the newly instated Toledo Government takes office.
- Protected area staff including park chiefs and coordinators are already revising the Evaluation Matrix results in order to discuss them at the workshop. This will allow them to develop critical opinions before the training sessions and to exchange more effective information during the workshop itself.

iii.

Benchmark Number	Benchmark/Output	Status*
2.1	Recommendations for institutional strengthening developed are included in the report of the matrix	Completed
2.2	Coordinations with INRENA to organize a monitoring training workshop with DGANPFS staff	On-track
2.3	NPA staff, are already revising the results of the matrix	On-track

iv.

Unfortunately the monitoring training workshop was not held in July because of the numerous staff changes within Government offices. It was decided that it would be best postponed from to August when there is greater stability within INRENA.

i. **Design a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation system to assess effective management of protected areas within SINANPE**

ii.

- A working group conformed of national and international NGO's, Governmental Organizations and national universities, was established to design a preliminary comprehensive Overall Monitoring and Evaluation Framework. Various monitoring methodologies were discussed during these working meetings among the working group members. This has served to motivate the group since it is evident that most of its members have important and novel contributions to make in this respect.

iii.

Benchmark Number	Benchmark/Output	Status*
3.1	Working group established to design a preliminary comprehensive monitoring and evaluation system framework	Delayed
3.2	Various monitoring methodologies discussed during working meetings, among working group members	Completed

iv.

- Unfortunately the speed at which progress was made within the working group was stalled by staff changes from among INRENA's personnel responsible for monitoring and evaluation. In order to avoid any further delays in developing the overall M&E framework, the working group decided to reassemble after July 28<sup>th</sup> once the political situation becomes more stable and new personnel members have been officially appointed.

### **III. Success Stories and Other Appendices**

When appropriate and possible, include one or more one-page success stories appropriate for public dissemination.